

Serial No. 10/730,388
Response dated November 22, 2006
Response to Office Action dated August 22, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The office action of August 22, 2006 rejected claims 27 and 39 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101. The applicant has amended claims 27 and 39 to address the cited issue. The allowed claims have also been amended to address an informality identified in the claims.

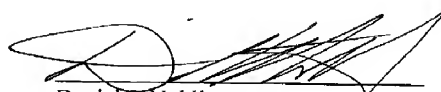
Furthermore, as previously discussed with the examiner, the applicant has amended the application to include claims 51 through 84. The addition of these claims was necessary to reintroduce claims inadvertently and unnecessarily cancelled in the response to the previous office action. Claims 51-84 correspond to previously submitted and considered claims 2, 3, 5-9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18-22, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31-35, 38, 40, 41, 43-47, and 50. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully submits that the all claims are in condition for immediate allowance.

CONCLUSION

Please consider the amendments and remarks. In view of the present amendments and comments, the applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney at the address and telephone number noted below with any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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